the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' definition for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness. *(Paraphrased from Loyola Press website)*. The vulnerable among us. It is these mentioned that the psalms refer to as "Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord".

This year we are experiencing a more hostile world, not just with arm conflicts in almost every corner of the globe. Mother Earth is also calling us to attention. According to a report on CNBC, the International Business World News Channel, we have been experiencing the effect of the Super El Nino phenomenon setting off extreme weather with floods, droughts and typhoons than in previous years. And this spanned from Oceania and South America regions to Asia. Non-climatic events like earthquakes have also caused destruction. Locally, the recent haze situation caused by fires in Indonesia were dangerously high. And the ones most impacted are the vulnerable.

Not everyone will shed blood, so All Saints is a reminder that **many of us are called to white martyrdom through which we die a thousand deaths to our pride, our selfishness, our greed, our laziness, our anger** — in short, our sins as we plough through the daily sacrifices called life. The path to sanctity does not lead to blood but it always passes through the Way of the Cross, the way of self-denial, the way of prolonged suffering. The Saints are models of perseverance. *(Extract from the Homilies of a Jesuit dated 1 November 2008)*

SCRIPTURE *of the* **DAY**

Revelations 7: 2-4, 9-14
Psalm 23: 1-6
1 John 3: 1-3
Matthew 5: 1-12

"Be praised, my Lord, through our sister Mother Earth, who feeds us and rules us, and produces various fruits with coloured flowers and herbs."

St. Francis of Assisi

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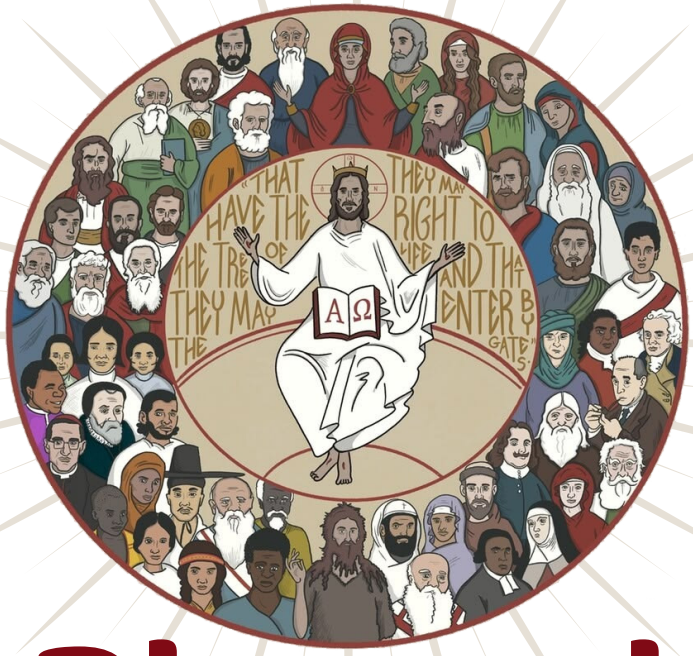
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WALKING TOGETHER TOWARDS A SYNODAL AND PROPHETIC CHURCH

A People for Missionary Discipleship

MONTHLY FOCUS: **ECOLOGY: The Cry Of The Earth Is The Cry Of The Poor**



Blessed are those...

Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. But none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are but happy... the poor in spirit,

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MASS SCHEDULE

31/10/26	**SAT**	7:00 am – SFdS
All Saints (S)		8:00 am – English & Tamil 10:45 am – Bahasa Malaysia & Mandrin
All Souls		7:00 am – Our Lady's 7:30 pm – Multilingual
03/11/26	**TUE**	No Mass
04/11/26	**WED**	No Mass
05/11/26	**THU**	No Mass
06/11/26	**FRI**	7:00 am – SFdS 6:00 pm – Pundut Cemetery
07/11/26	**SAT**	11:30 am – LSS Mass
Thirtysecond sunday in Ord Time		8:00 am – Multiligual 10:45 am – Multilingual

UPDATE

Coffee Morning : 01/11 – Bahasa Apostolate
Coffee Morning : 08/11 – Ladies Group
Altar Flower : 31/10 – Chinese Apostolate
Altar Flower : 07/11 – Ladies Group

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Oct 29th Sitiawan Clergy Ecumenical Meeting at 7 pm at Anglican Church.
Oct 31st Parish Marriage Preparatory Formation II
Nov 2 (10:00 AM): Blessing at Pundut Cemetery
Nov 3-4th Lectures in CG
Nov 5th Perak Clergy Denary Meeting at OMPH, Ipoh.

Parish Pastoral Assembly 2026: Synthesis

Our parish gathered to narrow the generational gap and bring young and old closer, so that we may be a witnessing parish under the patronage of St. Francis de Sales.

Why We Gathered

The Assembly began with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the presentation of our parish accounts. We then reflected on the generational gap. We chose this theme to understand the trends of our time, believing that understanding them will help us be Catholics for our time.

What We Discovered

The gap between generations shows itself in four areas: behaviour, dressing, language and thinking. Elders and young people tend to focus on different things because their needs differ. Yet there is also much that they share, including a love for the Church and a desire to belong.

Our elders	**Our young people**
Structure and routine	Flexibility and relationship
Analytical thinking	Creativity
Religious devotions	Belonging and community

These differences are complementary gifts. It is to these needs and trends that we are called to serve, enkindle and reach out.

Our Vision, Mission and Identity

Our response is rooted in who we are as a parish of St. Francis de Sales: "Do everything through love, nothing through fear."

- **Vision:** A community of love that welcomes, celebrates and serves.
- **Mission:** Reconciling all things through love.
- **Identity:** A living symbol of divine love in our community.
- **Culture:** Rooted in grace, compassion and gentleness, choosing love over fear in all that we do.
- **Calling:** Wholehearted engagement in re-evangelisation, renewing our faith and sharing God's love among us and with others.

Pastoral Priorities for 2026

Guided by humility, respect, creativity and courage, we are committed to building bridges within and beyond our church walls.

1. **Build an inclusive community.** Strengthen the spiritual life of our active parishioners while warmly welcoming home those who have been away or feel distant from the Church.
2. **Heal wounds, protect the fragile.** Extend Christ's healing to every generation in our parish.
3. **Be mission-minded.** Collaborate respectfully with neighbours of other faiths and with local organisations who share our commitment to human dignity and to building the Kingdom of God.

These priorities are our response to what we discovered: each asks us to listen and walk together across generations.

Moving Forward Together

We would like to focus on four things:

1. Faith is simple. We believe, and are called to share, that Jesus is Lord.
2. Faith and reason do not contradict each other.
3. Welcome and encourage creativity and dialogue.
4. Create space for all to voice their views, to contribute and to belong.

This is vital because if we do not respond to the questions of our young people, they will look for answers elsewhere.

To plan for next year in light of what we have discovered, we invite all parishioners to gather, reflect and decide together on the formation, catechesis, events and activities that will help us to celebrate sacraments and grow in faith and bring the generations together.

Remembering Our Beloved: Cemetery Blessing & All Souls' Day Schedule

As we continue to hold our departed loved ones in our hearts and prayers, let us come together as a community for this year's cemetery blessings and Mass:

- **Oct 30 (6:00 PM):** Blessing at Sg Wangi Cemetery
- **Oct 31 (10:00 AM):** Blessing at Sitiawan Estate Cemetery
- **Nov 2 (10:00 AM):** Blessing at Pundut Cemetery
- **Nov 6 (6:00 PM):** Mass at Pundut Cemetery